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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

Greenriverkiwanis.org
www.twitter.com/grkiwanis
[GRK Foundation/Amazon Smile](#)

Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010354616?pwd=NUK2QUtyZzJDRVNaZjlcZjFJM09jdz09>

January 5, 2022

Today's speaker was Gelina Mascoe, founder (with her brother) of Lumiere D'Education Foundation, Inc. Its mission is to provide free education to kids in Haiti, to break the cycle of poverty. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere.



Gelina and her siblings were born there, and when she was three, her parents moved to the United States to provide a better life for the family. They were able to bring Gelina and her sisters and brothers to this country 9 years later. In gratitude for her ability to get a good education here, and in honor of her mother who struggled with no education, the foundation was started. Her father purchased a school in Haiti, near Port au Prince, and the foundation completely supports it, paying for uniforms, food, and everything else. It is operated from here in Evansville, with lots of telephone contact between Gelina and the principal. Some 90% of schools in Haiti are private, and it's impossible for families living on less than \$3/day to pay to send their kids to school. A donation of \$14 pays for a uniform, lunches, and supplies for one student for a month. \$50 feeds the entire school (about 100 kids) with lunches for a week. The foundation has completed a water filtration project, built an indoor bathroom, made building repairs, and purchased a generator. The generator allows, among other things, for the principal to keep his phone charged so he can stay in contact with Gelina, particularly important with

all the weather problems Haiti has faced. New projects planned include building a library, fixing the coal stoves, installing solar panels, installing fans, building 2 more indoor bathrooms, and adding life skills classes. Education is currently provided through grade 6, with plans to provide it through grade 8 and to work on funding scholarships for high school education and beyond. Fundraisers like the November Red Carpet Gala support the foundation in its efforts.



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It's very important to turn in team points to the recorder on a timely basis. Current team standings:

- 1st place is team 7 with 360 points
- 2nd place is team 6 with 318 points
- 3rd through 8th places are teams 3, 5, 1, 4, 2, and 8, respectively

The next dinner night out will be held on January 20, 6:00 p.m., at the original Roca Bar diner at 1618 S. Kentucky Ave.



Upcoming BUG programs:
Jan. 18 at 9:30 at
Thompkins, in person
Jan. 21 at Holy
Spirit, via Zoom



Thought of the week, courtesy of **Gary Pilcher**:



**Next week's
speakers will
be Sgt. Stetsun
Sunderman
and Sheriff
Dave
Wedding,
talking about
Vanderburgh
County
school safety
and the role of
School
Resource
Deputies**

